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1. The following information on Walbrzych (German: Waldenburg) dates up to the end of 1953:

Population

2. Walbrzych, which was damaged neither during World War II nor during the Soviet occupation, now has a population twice as large as before the war. In contrast to the 67,000 in 1939, Walbrzych now has over 130,000 inhabitants. The majority of the inhabitants fall into one of the two following groups: (1) the resettled Poles from the oil-basin in the Drohobycz [Drohobycz]-Boryslaw area, and (2) the repatriates from the coal basin in northern France. In addition, around 15,000 Germans are still living in Walbrzych. Also, there are several thousand Gypsies who have been forced to accept permanent jobs. Several hundred Gypsies are now employed in the metallurgical industry in and around Walbrzych.

Industrial Background

3. The town has a good industrial tradition. By the 14th Century, silver and lead had been excavated in this area. A flourishing textile industry then developed, which was killed in the 16th Century by competition from the mechanized production in other areas. Thereupon, Walbrzych returned to mining, and, although the coal mines were opened up relatively late, the town played an important role in Silesian coal production. It was discovered that the kind of coal obtainable in Walbrzych was excellent for coal-production and also for other chemical reprocessing phases. Glass and china manufacture developed along with the coal industry.

Present Industrial Importance

4. At present, the main branches of Walbrzych's industrial life are:

(a) coal and coke, the source of electric and gas power. One of the largest power

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plants is connected with the 'Victoria' coal mine. The power plant there is supplied even to such distant places as Prague and west to the area around Goerlitz in East Germany. Gas pipelines cover all of Lower Silesia, extending in the east to as far as Wroclaw and in the west to the Goerlitz area.

- (b) to some lesser extent, glass and china manufacture. However, strong competition in East-West trade resulted in the loss of many markets. This was followed by Walbrzych's glass industry. Also, some large enterprises opened up their elsewhere as, for instance, Rosenthal, which used to have a large factory in Walbrzych. Rosenthal opened up a new plant in the German Federal Republic, which took away many old customers from Walbrzych.

City Plan of Walbrzych

5. "I have prepared a large town map of Walbrzych, drawn to a scale of 1:10,000. [The aforementioned map is available at the CIA Map Library, together with a list giving the coordinates for locating city streets.]

Legend for Map

6. "The following legend applies to the map of Walbrzych. Objects shown on the map include public utilities, administrative and security institutions, political institutions, coal mining institutions, trade and banking institutions, hotels and restaurants, cultural institutions, churches, hospitals, plants and mines, and military installations.

No.	Object	Location on Plan	Remarks
<u>(A) Public Utilities</u>			
1	Walbrzych-Miasto railway station	E-2	The town of Walbrzych stretches down-hill for many miles. There are four railway stations. Each of these stations serves in both a passenger and freight capacity in order to take care of the transportation requirements of the adjacent coal mines and industrial plants. For example, the Walbrzych-Miasto line has extra facilities for loading glass and china. The bypass, which before World War II, went around the town, is now out of operation. It was completely electrified. The Soviet Occupation authorities 'evacuated' this line, and up to now it has not been re-established.
2	Walbrzych-Fabryczny [Not in NIS Gazeteer for Poland] railway station	D-6	Located near the 'Victoria' coal mine and also adapted to loading coal and coke.
3	Walbrzych-Dworzec Glowny [Not in NIS Gazeteer] railway station	E-8	Located near the center of town and regarded as the main railway station. Equipped with special installations for repairing engines.
4	Walbrzych-Szczawienko rail- way station	[Not on map]	In the northern outskirts of town. Not included on map. Equipped with railway car repair-shops.
5	Freight-yard near Dworzec Glowny station	D/E-7/8	None.
5a	Freight-yard	F-6	Near the Chrobrego coal mine; specially adapted for loading coal and coke.

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No.	Object	Location on Plan	Description
6	PKS station	E-5	On the corner of Chrobrego & Sw. Barbary Streets. The PKS State-owned automobile vehicles are parked all along Chrobrego Street.
6a	PKS workshops & motor-pool	E-3	On Armii Czerwonej Street.
6b	PKS gasoline station	E-4	On Chrobrego Street.
7	Trolley-bus sheds & hangars	D-5	On Wysokienska Street. These trolley-buses were introduced in Walbrzych after World War II. Four lines are in operation at present (Nos. 1, 2, 4 & 7), connecting various parts of the town with the trolleybus center on Grunwaldzka Place.
8	Streetcar hangars	D-5	In the municipal electric power station, in a building near the power station's boilerhouse.
9	Municipal power plant	D-5	The old plant, with the following buildings: (a) turbines & switchboard control house (b) boiler-houses (c) cooling installations (d) repair workshops (e) warehouses for tools & spare parts (f) administrative building.
9a	Transformer station	D-6	
10	Gas works	F-3	The town is supplied with gas via a pipeline-net serving all of Lower Silesia. There is also a contractor-distributor [sic] house, located on Armii Czerwonej Street.
11	Water-pumps	A/B-3	Scattered over the northern outskirts of town, in the Bialy Kamien suburb, and in Solice Zdroj; (letter not on map), as are the filtration installations. [redacted] meaning is not clear here. There are two No. 11's on the map. Possibly, what is meant is that the third group of water-pumps is not shown. In regard to the filtration installations, the source may have meant that they also are scattered over the northern outskirts of town, or the meaning may be that they too are not shown on the map.7
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14	Main fire-brigade station	E-5	Near the cemetery.
15	Slaughterhouse	E-5	Near Bieruta Place.
16	Municipal warehouses	E-4	Central consumer goods warehouses of the MHD trade union organization, on Chrobrego Street.
16a	Warehouses	E-4	Another large warehouse of the MHD organization, on Armii Czerwonej Street.

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No.	Object	Location on Plan	Remarks
17	Main Post Office	E-5	On Slowackiego Street, where the main telephone & telegraph offices are also located.
18	Gasoline station	E-4	On Chrobrego Street. This station is the only one left in the center of Walbrzych.
18a	Gasoline station	F-2	In the northern outskirts of the town, at the end of Armii Czerwonej Street.
19	Public outdoor swimming pool	F-4	None.
20	Sports hall	F-7	On Niepodleglosci Street.

(B) Administrative & Security Institutions

21	Town National Council	E-5	Located in the large, Victorian-type, red brick building in the center of Obroncow Stalingradu Place, one of the largest places in town.
21a	Town National Council	E-5	Part of the offices of the Town Administration.
22	District court	E-3	On Slowackiego Street, on the corner of the narrow street leading toward the prison.
23	UB	E-4	Security police office in the yellow, four-storey building on Kolejowa Street. Formerly, the location of the Social Insurance Board offices. The UB occupies the building together with the (MO) district police command. The Walbrzych UB has 40 to 50 functionaries. The team has at its disposal a room for <u>detention</u> of people having been arrested 25X1X This room is in the cellar of the building. They also have a radio short-wave station, the antennae of which can be seen on the roof of the building.
24	(MO) Police District Headquarters	E-4	Located in the same building as the UB. They use the entrance on Kolejowa Street.
25	(MO) Police Station in the center of the city	E-3	On Armii Czerwonej Street.
26	(MO) Police Station for the Podgorze town district	F-6	On Niepodleglosci Street.
27	(MO) Police Station	C-3	Station for the Bialy Kamien town district.
28	(MO) Police Station	F-4	On Swierczewskiego Street. Station for the Nowy Mesto town district.
29	[REDACTED]	25X1X	
30	Town prison	E-5	None.

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(C) Political Institutions			
31	Communist Party Head-quarters	E-5	Located in the big building on Stalina Street. Has a view on the city's central park (Park Sobieskiego).
32	ZMP Headquarters	E-5	Communist Party youth organization head-quarters on the corner of Kopernicka & Danilowskiego Street.
(D) Coal Mining Institutions			
33	Coal miners' trade union	E-5	Trade union offices on Moniuszki Street.
34	'Coal Miners' House'	E-5	On '3 Maja' Street. Big hall in this house reserved for meetings. Also has a popular restaurant.
(E) Trade & Banking Institutions			
35	City branch of National Bank	E-5	On Slowackiego Street.
36	Agricultural bank	E-5	On the corner of Danilowskiego Street & Obrонcow Stalingradu Place.
37	Investment bank	E-5	On the <u>rynek</u> (market place).
38	PKO	E-5	General savings-bank on the <u>rynek</u> , in the building of the investment bank.
39	ORBIS	E-5	Offices of the State-managed travel organization on Slowackiego Street.
40	PDT	E-5	State-operated department store on Slowackiego Street. The second floor of the building has a very fashionable restaurant.
41	MHD	E-5	Municipal retail department store on the <u>rynek</u> .
42	MHD	F-4	The municipal retail store for the Nowe Miasto town district, on Swierczewskiego Street.
43	Loan institute	F-5	On Swierczewskiego Street, where various kinds of commodities, from a pressing iron to a typewriter, are loaned out to customers.
44	MHD	E-5	Municipal retail shop on '3 Maja' Street; specializing in shoes and leather products.
(F) Hotels & Restaurants			
45	Grunwald Hotel	E-5	The leading hotel in Walbrzych, on Grunwaldzki Place. There are a first-class restaurant and a second-class restaurant in the hotel. The first-class restaurant is on the first floor and has <u>(continued on next page)</u>

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45	[Continued]		dancing at certain hours every day, while the second-class restaurant on the ground floor has an orchestra playing only on Saturdays and Sundays.
46	Tourist House	E-5	On Stalina Street. A newly-built hotel, opened up in the middle of 1952.
47	Tourist House	E-5	In the middle of Sobieskiego Park. Operated by the Tourist & Sightseeing Association (PTTK).
48	'Cyganeria'	E-8	A workers' hotel in the southern outskirts of the city near the road connecting the town with the small locality of Miroslaw [not in NIS Gazetteer for Poland]. The name 'Cyganeria' (Boheme) was given this place because of its restless atmosphere. It is lived in exclusively by young bachelors who frequently visit another part of the town where prostitutes are easily found. Danilowskiego Street and the eastern side of the market place are always crowded during the evening with streetwalkers.
48a	Gypsies' settlement	E-8	None.
<u>(C) Cultural Institutions</u>			
49	House of Culture	E-5	On Stalina Street. Has a theatre auditorium where quite often traveling theatre groups give performances.
50	Polonia movie-house	E-5	On Slowackiego Street.
51	Movie-theatre	F-3	On Armii Czerwonej Street.
52	Swit movie-theatre	E-5	On the rynek (market place), specializing in Soviet-produced films.
53	Baltyk movie-house	F-8	In the Podgorze town district.
54	Zorza movie-house	F-4	In the Nowe Miasto town district.
55	Museum	E-5	On the small street adjoining Marchlewskiego Place.
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57	International Book and Press House	E-5	On the corner of Stalina & Sw. Barbary Streets.
58	Coal miners' vocational school	F-4	Connected to a boarding-house on Rozana Street. This school, with the boarding-house, was transferred to Walbrzych from nearby Rusinow in 1948. The Rusinow school burned down after an act of sabotage.
59	Industrial High School	F-2	Under the control of the Karol metallurgical plant. On Armii Czerwonej Street.
60	Glass & china vocational school	E-3	This school is run by the Krzysztof glass and china plant.

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62	Walbrzych editorial office for the central Party and trade union publications	E-5	The main Party, trade union, youth movement publications receive information from various places through local collection points. Under this set-up, there is no one central information agency in existence for all the papers. Rather, there are many information collection points serving only a few newspapers. Such an editorial office is on Stalina Street. [By 'editorial office', probably means collection point.]
63	'Słowo Walbrzyskie'	E-5	The editorial office and printing shop of the local newspaper, on Obroncow Stalingradu Place. This newspaper was founded only in 1950. According to information I have received, the German-language, Communist paper 'Arbeiterstimme' ('Workers' Voice') is also printed in this printing-shop. Since 1952, the 'Arbeiterstimme' has been published for Germans still living in Poland.
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(E) <u>Churches</u>			
65	Panny Marii Church	E-5	The old, small church of the Virgin Mary on Marchlewskiego Place.
66	Parochial Catholic church	E-5	On Marchlewskiego Place.
67	Catholic church	F-3	On '22 Lipca' Street.
68	Catholic church	F-4	Near '22 Lipca' Street, in the vicinity of the cemetery.
25X(X) <u>Hospitals</u>			
73	District Hospital	E-4	The largest hospital in town, on the corner of Batorego & Lotnikow Streets.
74	Children's hospital	E-4	On Sw. Barbary Street.
75	Hospital for Gynecology	F-4	In the Nowe Miasto town district. Established after the war as a Jewish hospital. As the majority of Jews emigrated from Poland, the Jewish community in Walbrzych became so small that the hospital was taken over by the town administration. Shortly after World War II, Walbrzych was known as 'Jewish Town'.
76	Dispensary	E-4	On Kolejowa Street.
77	Dispensary for TB	E-4	On Sw. Barbary Street.

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78	Dispensary for TF	F-6	On Dworcowa Street. For railway personnel.
(3) Plants & Mines			
79	Ernestyna coal mine	D-8	Reopened in 1949. In 1952, connected with the Amalin shaft (E-6).
80	Victoria coal mine	E/C-6/7	The largest coal mine in the town. Before World War II, known as Glueckhifulf-Grube. A coking plant is attached to the coal mine, equipped with four modern batteries. There is a daily output of 1400 tons of coke. The Victoria coal mine also runs an industrial power plant which feeds power to Czechoslovakia and East Germany simultaneously. The power plant has two turbo-generators having a power-capacity ('moc za instalowna') of 130,000 kw.
81	Boleslaw Chrobry coal mine	D-6	Before World War II, known as 'Friedenshoffnung Grube'. In the enterprise, a chemical plant is in operation which produces coke (four batteries producing 1500 tons of coke per day - one battery was installed in 1948) and various chemical by-products based on coke.
82	Mieszko coal mine	E/F-7	Before World War II, known as Melchior Grube. The coking plant connected with this coal mine is equipped with two batteries with a capacity for 700 tons of coke per day.
83	Thorez coal mine	C/D-4/5	Before World War II, known as Juliusgrube. After the war, known as Bialy Kamien. Recently renamed in honor of the leader of the French Communist Party during his visit to Poland three years ago. The 'Jan' shaft (C-4) belongs to this coal mine.
84	Bog Da (?) coal mine	E/F-3/4	The smallest coal mine in Walbrzych. Known before World War II as Begengottes Grube.
85	Bialy Kamien Chemical Plant	C-5	For the chemical reprocessing of coke.
86	Karol metallurgical plant	F-1	On Dolno Slaska Street. Plant was built in 1920. Lately, has specialized in the manufacture of machinery for coal mines. Around 1200 workers are employed. Up to last year, it had a monopoly in this branch. Now another coal mine machinery plant has been put into operation in Zabrze (German: Hindenburg). The repair workshops and spare part warehouses for the Karol plant are located farther south, near Armii Czerwonej Street. Near these workshops, there is a metal vocational school. (See No. 59.)

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87	Wlckno hemp & flax weaving enterprise	F-8	Located in the southern outskirts of town, near Kosynierow Street.
88	Krzystof china factory	E-5	On Limanowskiego Street. The pre-World War II china factory.
89	Walbrzych china factory	E-3	Before World War II, the Rosenthal plant, the largest china & glassware factory in town.
90	Lustrzanka glassware plant	F-1	Located on Dolno Slaska Street, opposite the Karol plant. The plant is equipped with two modern ovens and employs approximately 800 workers. The yearly output is around three million qm [square meters] of special industrial glass and consumer glass in plates only. Around 30,000 qm of mirror glass also manufactured.
91	Shoe factory	C-2	Located in the Solice-Zdroj suburb. Employing around 150 workers. Before the war, it was a branch of the BATA concern.
92	Carpenter & furniture plant	D-4	On Kolejowa Street.
92a	Sawmill and furniture plant	D-4	On Wysockiego Street.
93	CPN	E-4	On Chrobrego Street. Gasoline and oil-dump of the State-operated retail system.
94	Workshops of the high-tension system	E-4	On Chrobrego Street.
95	Scrap-dump	E-3	On Armii Czerwonej Street.
96	Brick factory	E-6	None.
97	Boiler production plant		25X1X
98	Industrial dairy [sic]	F-3	Production of butter and cheese.
99	Chemical plant	F-3	None.
99a	Soap factory	E-8	None.

(K) Military Installations

Note: According to available information, no military units are stationed in Walbrzych. There are only military installations or para-military formations.

100	Military labor unit	25X1X	In the Szczawienko suburb, opposite the railway station. (Not on map.)
101	WKR	E-5	Town recruitment offices, on Slowackiego Street.
102	SP Headquarters	E-4	On Chrobrego Street. Municipal headquarters of the Sluzba Polsce para-military youth organization.

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103	WOP	F-5	Headquarters of the frontier guard military formation. The HQ of the battalion and one reserve company are stationed in the barracks. The battalion detachments are quartered in the localities nearer the frontier - in Gluszyce [not in NIS Gazetteer for Poland] (German: Wustegiersdorf) and Miereszow [not in NIS Gazetteer for Poland] (German: Friedland)."

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